THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAiMBARAM): (a) to (d) In another round of talks on 25th July 1988 the Chief Minister West Bengal, Shri Jyoti Basu and GNLF President, Shri Subash Ghising met in Delhi at the residence of Union Home Minister, Shri Buta Singh to arrive at a negotiated settlement ofj the problem of the Darjeeling Hill areas. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphers and the talks ended in complete understanding between both the parties over the formation of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council. Various issues raised by Shri Ghising were discussed at this tripartite meeting. The final agreement which was reached in principle, will be signed at Calcutta at a later date. The three participants at the meeting expressed their sense of deep gratitude to the Prime Minister for his help and cooperation in finding a peaceful and negotiated solution to this problem. This round of talks followed an earlier tripartite meeting held in New Delhi on 29th June, 1988.

Counter moved announced by 'Babri Masjid Committee and Ram Janam Bhoomi Mukti Action Committee regarding the disputed shrine

764. SHRI PA WAN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)' whether the 'Babri Masjid Committee' and 'Ram Janam Bhoomi Mukti Action Committee' have announced counter moves regarding the disputed shrine; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to diffuse the situation and settle the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Babri Masjid Movement Coordination Committee has announced a 'Mini March, on 12-8-1988 and "Ayolhya March" on 14-10-1988 to offer prayers inside the disputed shrine. To counter this move, the Ram Janam Bhoomi Mukti Yagna Samiti have recently appeald to to Hindus to intercept the volunteers of Ayodhya March and prevent them from entering into-Ayodhya. The Government is keeping a close watch on the situation and will take all necessary steps to maintain peace and communal harmony.

Scheduled Caste Certificate Ferms stolen from Dy. Commissioner's Office, Delhi

765. SHRI PA WAN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that re cently a large number of Scheduled Castes Certificate forms were stolen from the office of the Deputy Com missioner, Delhi; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): According to the Delhi Administration, a number of blank Scheduled Caste Certificate forms have been found missing from the store of the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi.

Following steps have been taken up by the Administration:—

1. A criminal case has been registered with the Police.

2. Concerned officials have been suspended

3. The missing serial nos. have been published in the newspapers in the form of Public Notice to avoid misuse.

4. Letters have been issued to all concerned informing them about the facts.

5. All the staff members working in the Branch dealing with the SC Certificate have bee$_n$ transferred and replaced.

6. The blank SC Certificate forms have been kept in the personal custody of an officer of the S.D.M. rank.

7. The procedure relating to issue of SC certificates has been streamlined for speedier issue of the same.

"Achievement of Wasteland Development Board"

766. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wasteland Develop ment Board, which was formed by Government to bring more wastelands for better use, has achieved its target;

(b) whether it is a fact that the efforts made by Government to put millions of hectares of wasteland into use could not be implemented because of the lack of co-ordination between the different Departments; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to achieve the objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI "SlHIV-RAJ PATTL): (a) The National Wastelands Development Board was established in 1985-86 for bringing under productive use wastelands in the country through a massive programme of afforestation. The targets and achievements of the last three years are given below: —

Year	Targets	Achieve-ments
(area in million	hectares)	
1985-86	1.45	1.51
1986-87	1.71	1.76
1987-88	179	1.77

The target for 1988-89 jg 2.0 million hectares.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Continuous efforts are being made to increase the coverage of the ongoing programme on the basis of the plan allocations made available from year to year.

Central implementing Agency for North-Eastern States

767. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have proposed to set up Central Implementing Agency for implementing various scheme covering Central-State matterg in the North Eastern States; and

Ob) if so, what was the response from the Chief Ministers of various North-Eastem States thereto and by when the said Agency is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise